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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO MONICA SCHMIDT FROM GRACE WILSON: PLEASE BRING 2 PACKAGES OF CAVIAR.
2. THE PERSONNEL TELEGRAM DISCUSSING WHAT THE EMBASSY CAN AND CAN'T DO IN TERMS OF REASSIGNING PEOPLE WAS SHOWN TO US AND WE REGISTERED YOUR VIEWS BUT STOOD ASIDE. YOU SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT ON HIS RETURN DICK M RAISED QUESTION OF SWITCHES WITH THE DG, NOTING THAT WHILE THE IDEA OF COMPETITION FOR SUBSTANTIVE SLOTS WAS FINE FOR THE WINNERS HE HAD SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THE ADDED STRAIN IT PUTS ON ALL AND PARTICULARLY THE LOSERS.
3. LOT OF THUMBSUCKING GOING ON HERE. AND SOME
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HAND-WRINGING BY SOVIETS, ALONG LINES OF SHERROD'S INTERLOCUTORS. SOME TENDENCY ON OUR SIDE TO WAIT FOR THEM TO MAKE A MOVE TO RESTART DIALOGUE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US GREASE THE SKIDS.

4. ON WORKING GROUPS, THE BUREAUCRACY HAS THE PROBLEM IN HAND, HAS SET THE GROUPS IN CLUSTERS AND

IS THINKING OF GENEVA FOR MOST MEETINGS, AT LEAST
INITIALLY. YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT YOUR ROLE WOULD BE
TIMELY, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY CIVIL
DEFENSE (WHICH GROUP I WILL CHAIR) AND INDIAN OCEAN.

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